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Upcoming Veteran Move-in Pushes Local Campaign to End Veteran Homelessness Forward

Rockville, MD – On Veterans Day, Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH) will move a homeless veteran into his new permanent home as part of the [Zero: 2016 campaign](#), which has positioned the County to end homelessness for all County veterans by the end of 2015. Montgomery County is the only location in Maryland in a group of 71 other U.S. communities that were selected to participate in the Zero: 2016, a national campaign to end veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 and chronic homelessness by 2016. The campaign is being spearheaded by Community Solutions, a national non-profit based in New York City.

MCCH, in partnership with Montgomery County government and Bethesda Cares, is co-leading efforts to ensure Montgomery County reaches its goal of ending homelessness for all veterans in our community by the end of the year. A count from earlier in the year identified 30 veterans who were experiencing homelessness in Montgomery County.

MCCH secured funding from the Montgomery County Council to launch their newest program, Operation Homecoming, a permanent supportive housing services program to serve up to 20 of the most vulnerable veterans. The program provides rental assistance and services from a client support staff to ensure veterans remain stably housed. The first veteran moved into this program on October 2. Since then, with the help of community volunteers, MCCH has helped move four veterans into housing.

On Veterans Day, Heyradine, a four year Army veteran, will be the fifth veteran to be placed in a permanent home through MCCH's Operation Homecoming program. Local business owner, Leigh Press, along with his friends will be helping MCCH set up Heyradine's home.

WHAT: MCCH will move in their 5th veteran through their Operation Homecoming permanent supportive housing services program.

WHEN: Wednesday, November 11 at 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: White Oak Towers 11700 Old Columbia Pike Apt. 218, Silver Spring, MD 20904

"Montgomery County is poised to end homelessness for all County veterans by the end of this year. Driven by a sense of urgency that no one who has served our country should experience homelessness, the Montgomery County government and other county partners have rallied to achieve this goal. We are thrilled that the light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter and brighter," says MCCH Executive Director Susie Sinclair-Smith.

A total of 14 veterans have been housed since October 2015.

About MCCH: Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH) provides solutions to ensure homelessness in Montgomery County is rare, brief, and nonrecurring. Our vision is to build a community where everyone has a safe, stable, and affordable place to call home. Visit www.mcch.net for more information.

About Community Solutions: is a national non-profit dedicated to helping communities solve the complex social problems facing their most vulnerable residents. The organization's work applies design thinking, quality improvement and a host of other cross-sector disciplines to issues like homelessness, unemployment, and public health. Zero: 2016 is a rigorous follow-on to the organization's successful 100,000 Homes Campaign designed to help a select group of communities end chronic and veteran homelessness in the next two years. Contact Adam Gibbs at agibbs@cmtysolutions.org or 202.810.3511 for more information.

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